

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Working of the Muzrai Department for the year 1932-33.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per. A. 24, dated 12th October 1933, from the Muzrai Commissioner, submitting the report on the administration of the Muzrai Department for the year 1932-33.

ORDER No. 1195-206—MUZ. 96-33-3, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 7—8TH MARCH 1934.

Recorded.

2. Government note with satisfaction that the work of the Muzrai Department has to a great extent been standardised in recent years and the body of rules and practice relating to different classes of institutions has been codified resulting in the better management of the institutions. They are also glad to observe that by fixing scales of income and expenditure, a certain measure of control has been obtained over the finances of the more important religious and charitable institutions and that the debit balances in the temple of Melkote and in the Sivaganga Mutt have been wiped out. Necessary steps should be taken to wipe out the debit balance in the Sri Ranganathaswami Temple at Seringapatam.

3. Among the important measures undertaken or sanctioned during the year, mention may be made of the following:—

(1) On the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed to examine certain cases of feeding in Muzrai Institutions, feeding during Tulamasa at Paschimavahini, during Champashasti Festival in Bisle Chattram and in the temples of Seringapatam and on the Himavathgopalaswami Hill was discontinued and the scale of expenditure in the Maharaja's Chattram at Mysore was considerably reduced.

(2) With a view to further decentralise the work of the Department, additional powers were delegated to the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

(3) The Manual of Honors and other Birudus enjoyed by Mathadhipathis in and outside the State was published and the revised Muzrai Manual is under print. The compilation of the Manuals of Sri Narayanaswami Temple at Melkote and Sri Kalaseswaraswami Temple at Kalasa was completed.

(4) A scheme for the better management of the Sri Ranganathaswami Temple and other Charities at Sivasamudram was approved by the Board of Commissioners for the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments and action is being taken under the Scheme.

(5) Encouragement was given to lady candidates to take up the study of Ayurveda by the award of special scholarships.

(6) The succession of Swamis in Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt, Sri Raghavendraswami Mutt, Sri Yelanadu Mutt and of a Chara Pattadhikari to the Sri Yelahanka Mutt at Belur was recognised by Government during the year.

(7) The management of the properties of the Sri Vyasarayaswami Mutt situated outside the State was restored to the Swamigalu from January 1933.

(8) The question of investigating the affairs of the temple on the Biligirirangan Hills is under consideration.

(9) The Committee for the management of the Sri Srinivasa Mandiram Charities, Bangalore City, was reconstituted and rules for the future working of the charities were prescribed.

(10) Rules for the sorting and destruction of Muzrai Records were approved.

4. The question of resuming the inam grants to private Chattrams, in view of the abolition of feeding in almost all Muzrai Institutions and the question of systematising the payment of Nehimi allowances, the resumption of alienated lands and the realisations of Pudevut funds remaining in the hands of private parties, require prompt attention.

5. *Educational Institutions under Muzrai Management.*—The Ayurvedic and Unani College at Mysore together with the Hospital and Dispensary attached thereto; the Sanskrit College at Melkote, the Veda Mahapatasala at Bangalore and the Agama Classes in the Maharaja's Sanskrit College at Mysore and the other grant-in-aid Veda Patasalas maintained by the Department continued to do satisfactory work during the year.

6. *Investigation of Inams of Defunct Muzrai Institutions.*—With the cessation of the term of the special staff employed for this work, the investigation of defunct institutions has devolved on the ordinary revenue establishments. Out of the 158

cases of defunct institutions including 121 cases pending at the beginning of the year; 43 cases were disposed of during the year and an aggregate sum of Rs. 3,030-15-4 was credited to the General Muzrai Fund, the Shimoga District contributing the largest amount, viz., Rs. 2,082-5-4. Government note that the Deputy Commissioners of Districts have been asked to see that the investigation is continued in all pending cases and the land and cash grants given to defunct institutions are resumed and dealt with in conformity with the intentions of Government in the matter. The Muzrai Auditors should be instructed to note the progress in this direction in their audit notes.

7. *Income and Expenditure of the Department.*—The Muzrai Institutions opened with a balance of Rs. 8,04,308. The receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 7,56,892 making a total of Rs. 15,61,200. The expenditure during the year was Rs. 6,37,971 resulting in a balance of Rs. 9,23,229 at the close of the year.

8. *Inspections.*—Government note that inspection work is, on the whole satisfactory, and that there is a good deal of improvement in the regularity and quality of the inspection work of offices.

9. *General.*—His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore was graciously pleased to visit the new temple of Sri Sangameswaraswami at Thippagondanahalli Water Works. His Highness the Maharaja of Probandar, Ex-King Don Alphonso of Spain and His Highness the Maharaja of Indore visited the Gumbuz at Seringapatam. His Highness the Nawab of Janjira visited the temples at Belur and Halebid, and the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore visited the temple at Halebid. The Dewan visited the temples of Sri Sangameswaraswami at Thippagondanahalli in the Magadi Taluk, Sri Anjaneyaswami at Kyamenahalli, Sri Venkataramanaswami and Sri Malleswaraswami at Madhugiri, Sri Channakesavaswami at Belur, the Jumma Masjid at Sira, and the Gumbuz at Ganjam. The First Member of Council visited Sri Channakesavaswami Temple at Belur.

10. Government are pleased to observe that the administration of the Muzrai Department continued to be efficient during the year under review.

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RAILWAY SECRETARIAT

Travelling Allowance to Railway Advisory Committee.

READ—

Letter No. 353, dated 3rd February 1934, from the Agent, Mysore Railways, requesting sanction of Government, to the existing Rule No. 13 relating to the travelling allowance to the members of the Mysore Railways Local Advisory Committee, sanctioned in G. O. No. 16-48—Ry. F. 224-G. 33-34, dated 4th July 1933, being modified as under:—

Existing Rule.

Rule No. 13.—Passes over Mysore Railways and actual fares over other Railways as are allowed to non-official members of the Standing Committee for Railways, Public Works and Electrical Departments and Economic Conference will be granted to members of the Railway Advisory Committee residing out of Mysore when attending meetings.

Modified Rule.

Rule No. 13.—Passes over Mysore Railways and actual fares over foreign railways by the most direct rail route as are allowed to non-official members of the Standing Committees for Railways, Public Works and Electrical Departments and Economic Conference will be granted to members of the Railway Advisory Committee residing out of Mysore when attending meetings.

ORDER No. R. S. 1644-76—Ry. F. 224 G. 33-34, DATED MYSORE,
THE 5—6TH MARCH 1934.

Sanctioned.

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Secretary for Railways,
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